



## United States Department of the Interior

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#### Greetings Prospective Offerors

#### **Solicitation No. N10PS30009 (formerly 8010-01): DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI) ON CALL SMALL HELICOPTERS TO SUPPORT DOI BUREAUS AVIATION FLIGHT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

The attached Request for Proposals (RFP) is to acquire fully Contractor operated and maintained flight services consisting of small (not more than 7,000 pounds approved gross weight) helicopters will be used to support DOI bureaus and offices in their intermittent needs for helicopter services. The services of the RFP are being acquired under the authority of Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Part 12, Acquisition of Commercial Items and FAR Subpart 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items. The contents of the solicitation are as described in the Table of Contents.

#### **☺ ☺ ☺ SPECIAL NOTICE**

#### **BACKGROUND –**

Award of multiple contracts is expected with the primary purpose being to transport Government personnel and cargo by fully Contractor furnished helicopter services in support DOI mission activities as identified in the Scope of Contract. Some of those programs are wildland fire management to include fire suppression, fire monitoring, initial attack, prescribed fire, and aerial ignition. Other activities may include but are not limited to law enforcement limited to non-threatening surveillance, reconnaissance flight, other administrative and resource activities. Capability for offshore, vessel landing and extended over water flights and government pilot operations have been added to this requirement.

If your offer is selected for an award, your prices will remain in effect for the first year of the contract as well as subsequent option years (2) if the contract is renewed. No adjustments to prices will be made except as otherwise permitted in the solicitation specifications. Renewal of the contract(s) is at the option of the Government and this should be given careful consideration when considering costs that may impact operation of your helicopter over the three-year period that the contracts could extend.

Section D, 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors and Evaluation, discusses what you should do to submit a proposal and how we will evaluate the proposals received. Prior to submission of your proposal, please check to see that you have included all the information requested. Failure to include the information identified may adversely effect the evaluation of your proposal.

Proposals are due by 4:00 PM, December 1, 2009. Proposals received after this time and date would be subject to the conditions of D7 Late Submissions, Modifications, Revisions, and Withdrawals of Offers.

You are urged to carefully read the solicitation in its entirety, as the solicitation does include new and/or updated provisions and clauses. Some items worthy of your attention and that could affect the proposal you submit, are:

- Multiple pricing schemes – please read the instructions on completing the Schedule pages.
- This is the only DOI on call solicitation that is expected to be issued this year and that permits helicopters to be used for fire management activities
- Automated flight following (AFF) system
- Only 'digital' VHF-FM radios which are APCO Project 25 (EIA/TIA-102) compliant will be acceptable on this contract B7.3.3)

- One Automated Flight Following (AFF) system
- All exhibits are included at the end of Section C
- Offer contents to be submitted (D4) and Offeror Capability Information (D5) – Additional submittal documents are required with this solicitation
- Successful offeror must be registered in the Central Contract Registration (CCR) in order for an award to be made (D7)
- Section E – Offerors may complete representations and certifications by an annual electronic submission
- Award of items for extended overwater use and government pilot use is at the discretion of the Government and limited awards are expected.

If after reading the solicitation, you find you have questions, please feel free to contact me I will be happy to discuss the solicitation with you. Office fax is 208-433-5030.

Thank you

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